

January 25th, 2006
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting

Glen Frost was appointed chairman for 2006. He opened the meeting with introductions.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. CBC, CTS Tables 701-8 and 701-10.** MDT is still considering changes to the No. 40 and the No. 200 sieve. MDT plans on doing some more research and will give updates.
- 2. Ride Spec and Plant Mix Forum.** The Ride Spec and Plant Mix Forum will be held on February 23rd after the Bid letting. MDT distributed the proposed changes to the Ride Spec at the meeting and will also formally distribute the changes through email on January 31st. MDT asked MCA to review the changes and bring comments to the forum.
- 3. Sulfate Soundness.** MDT is currently looking at pre approving pits around the state. MDT is also moving forward with research on the Micro Deval test methods because it is faster than the Sulfate Soundness test method. MDT's first priority is to meet time requirements within contracts.
- 4. Pulverization.** MDT is still researching this. There appears to be some sequencing issues. MDT will give updates as progress is made.
- 5. Bid Express.** MDT asked MCA if they were beginning to feel comfortable with the electronic bid submission. More contractors are signing up for Bid Express with each letting. This item will be left on the agenda for a few months to see how the contractors are adjusting.
- 6. Letting Schedule.** MDT informed MCA that this will be a record quarter for the lettings.
- 7. Traffic Control.** MDT stated that Work Zone Awareness week will take place April 2nd – April 9th. Also, MDT informed MCA that there will be an aggressive agenda and Prudy Holman will be at the February meeting to talk about it with MCA.
- 8. Erosion Control.** The next erosion control committee will be after the 2006 construction season. Proposals for the erosion control committee may be submitted at any time. The MCA representative is Pat Bibeau.
- 9. Utility Task Force.** MDT is currently looking into incentive/disincentive clauses for the Utility companies to finish their work in a timely manner to avoid delays.
- 10. Fuel Adjustment.** MDT distributed the proposed changes to the Fuel Price Adjustment Special Provision with a \$0.25 trigger. MDT also handed out a spreadsheet to show the contractors what the adjustments would look like with a 10% and a 15% trigger. The proposed change will be formally distributed through email at the end of the month to allow the contractor time to get their comments together before the next meeting.
- 11. Subcontractor definition.**
- 13. Mag Chloride – Prime.**
- 14. Estimate Range.** MCA asked if Contract Plans would give the estimated contract amount (within a range) for the projects as was done in the past. Bonding, Insurance, and Subcontractors were all dependant on that figure. MDT will look into this.

NEW BUSINESS FROM MCA

The next meeting will be **February 22nd, 2006**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the **MCA Office**.

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